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SUBJECT: CYPRUS FY-74 IV PROGRAM

REF: STATE 20565

1. SHARE REGRET CU/NEA FUNDING LEVEL REQUIRES ONE-THIRD
REDUCTION OUR PLANNED ACTIVITIES. POST OF COURSE WISHES JUSTIFY
DEPARTMENT CONFIDENCE PURPOSEFUL IV PROGRAM CAN BE EXECUTED
DESPITE UNANTICIPATED BUDGET LIMITATIONS. TO THIS END REVIEWED
PRIORITIES AND COST BREAKDOWN AS ESTIMATED BY POST FOLLOW:

A) CHRISTODOULOS CHRISTODOULOU-ALREADY TRAVELED, COST \$2094
(SEE DS-1402 DATED 1/7/74);

B) DR. ANDREAS KOUROS-TRAVELING MARCH 1-23 WITH \$45 PER DIEM,
ESTIMATED COST \$2150 WITH NO ESCORT;

C) MRS. STELLA SOULIOTIS-TRAVELING MAY 20-JUNE 20 WITH \$45
PER DIEM, ESTIMATED COST \$2450;

D) NEJDET KONUK-TRAVELING THREE WEEKS BEGINNING EARLY APRIL WITH
\$35 PER DIEM, ESTIMATED COST \$3205 (INCLUDING PER DIEM AND
INTERNAL AIR FARE FOR DEPARTMENT ESCORT/INTERPRETER-SEE
NICOSIA A-138 OF 10/9/73).

E) CHRISTAKIS KATSAMBAS-TRAVELING APPROXIMATELY APRIL 1-23
WITH \$35 PER DIEM, ESTIMATED COST \$2000.

ESTIMATED COST FOR ABOVE FIVE GRANTEEES TOTALS \$11,899 LEAVING
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SMALL SUM FROM CURRENT ALLOCATION FOR FARE INCREASES OR

UNFORESEEN COSTS. SHOULD ANY FUNDS REMAIN AT END FY 74, THEY WOULD BE OBLIGATED FOR:

F) JACOVOS ARISTIDOU-HAD PLANNED FOUR WEEKS TRAVEL LATE JUNE WITH \$40 PER DIEM BUT CAN POSTPONE DEPARTURE UNTIL AFTER JULY 1, REMAINING COST BEING DRAWN FROM FY 75 ALLOCATION.

3. FINAL CANDIDATE FROM ORIGINAL FY 74 SLATE, ANDREAS YIASSOUMIS, BECOMES PRIORITY CANDIDATE FOR FY 75 FULL GRANT.

4. UNLESS DEPARTMENT PLANNING FIGURES ARE CLOSER TO ACTUAL COSTS THAN ARE POST'S CUFF ACCOUNT CALCULATIONS, AND WE THINK THEY ARE NOT, WE SHOULD THUS BE ABLE SQUEEZE OUT 5-PLUS GRANTS WITHOUT HAVING TO RECOMMEND SHIFT OF FUNDS FROM BINATIONAL PROGRAM WHICH, AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, ALREADY OPERATING AT REDUCED LEVELS IN TERMS OF NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS GRANT PROJECTS. CERTAINLY POST WILL ATTEMPT KEEP COST PER IV GRANT DOWN EVEN WHILE KEEPING THIS A HIGH-IMPACT PROGRAM BUILT AROUND REAL AND PROMINENT LEADERS WHO SOMETIME REQUIRE VIP TREATMENT. BELIEVE, HOWEVER, COST-SHARING SUGGESTION NOT ENTIRELY CONSONANT WITH NOTION THAT IV PARTICIPANTS ARE USG GUESTS.

5. IN ATTEMPTING COMPLY DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION WE GET GRANTEES TRAVELING EARLY AND THROUGHOUT FISCAL YEAR AND NOT JAM UP AS CYCLE CLOSES, POST HAS BEEN CRANKING THIS PROJECT SINCE MID-SUMMER. ACTION REQUESTED: CABLED APPROVAL ASAP ENABLING POST ARRANGE FINAL DATES WITH NOMINATIONS B THROUGH F PARAGRAPH ONE ABOVE, THE FIRST FOUR OF WHICH ARE IMMINENT MATTERS.
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